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SUBJECT: Visa Applications (non-immigrant)

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TO: ALL AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

The new procedures pertaining to the maintenance and disposal of Visa files (CA-1574, August 15, 1958) and 3" x 5" Visa card files (CA-1575, August 15, 1958) will result in the destruction of some materials which would be of considerable value to the biographic operations of the Department. Realistically, however, the Department is not in a position to process the records when they become eligible for destruction and is reluctant to impose on Foreign Service posts the burden of screening the records for significant biographic items before they are destroyed. Instead, the Department requests visa officers to keep its biographic interests in mind and to forward to Washington as they are received, with reference to this instruction, copies of visa applications (non-immigrant) pertaining to persons who are of national or regional prominence in political, economic, sociological, cultural, military, and scientific fields. (See FSM IV, Chapter 500).

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